



News Release

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Riverside Gets Ready for Weekend Rain

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Dust off those umbrellas -- more wet weather is coming to Riverside this weekend! The City of Riverside Emergency Operations Center offers the following tips to help you stay safe and dry this weekend.

Public Sandbag Locations: Stop by one of the following public locations to pick up sandbags.

1. City Corporation Yard – across from the security hut
2. Fire Station #6 1077 Orange Street – adjoining lot next to station
3. Fire Station #7 10191 Cypress - adjoining lot next to station
4. Orange Terrace Park - Grove Community Drive & Deer Creek Drive

Sand and sandbags are also available at all major hardware stores such as Lowes, Home Depot, and Ace Hardware.

Be Rain Wise: As we experienced in December, excessive runoff from heavy rainfall can cause water on highways, streets and underpasses. During excessive rain, expect some road closures.

Do not drive your vehicle into areas where water covers the roadway. The water depth may be too great to allow your car to cross safely. If your car becomes stuck in water, abandon your car and move to higher ground immediately.

Keep your car well maintained. Checking your windshield wipers is advised. Plus, keep an emergency kit in your trunk.

The Fire Department would like to remind everyone at this time of the importance of preparing for all types of emergencies. Taking steps now will go a long way to returning our community to normalcy following an emergency.

1. **Get a Kit** – get a disaster preparedness kit to last your family 5-10 days
2. **Make a Family Emergency Plan** – make a plan on what actions your family should take in an emergency
3. **Be Informed** – be informed on the hazards which could affect you and what safe actions to take in response to an emergency
4. **Get Involved** – get involved in neighborhood emergency preparedness or volunteer with an emergency support organization

Additional information on emergency preparedness may be found on the city's emergency preparedness website at: <http://www.readyriverside.com>.